

## OFFERS FACTORY FOR RETURN OF HIS STOLEN WIFE

Poor Inventor Rewards Benefactor by Breaking Up Home.

## ENRICHED BY BACKER.

Offer to Share in Everything Taken Too Broadly by Protege.

## YEAR-OLD BABY GONE.

Woman and Child Depart on the Same Day as Partner Leaves Trenton.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 11.—Walter H. Miller, part owner of the Electrolytic Art Metal Works, of this city, has left town looking for his wife, a beautiful brunette of thirty-five, who disappeared three days ago. Miller's partner in business, Edward Dubois, is also missing.

Dubois, a penniless inventor, came to Trenton two years ago. He had a scheme for decorating pottery and glassware with gold or silver by an electrical process, but needed capital to put it through. Miller heard of the man and sent for him.

"I feel sorry for you," said Miller. "I like to help fellows in your fix. Now, I'll furnish a factory and we'll try your scheme. Whatever we make we will share equally."

Miller rented a factory, purchased machinery and soon the shop was running. The scheme was a success from the start, and it was not long before the two partners were making money. Miller thought highly of the inventor and insisted that he should live at his home. Shortly after Dubois came to the house Miller fancied he noticed a rather warm friendship between the inventor and his wife. It preyed on his mind, but he refrained from saying anything until a few days ago. Then there was a stormy scene, which ended in Dubois hastily packing his trunk and leaving. The same day Mrs. Miller also departed, taking her one-year-old child.

Miller says he will make Dubois a present of the factory if he wishes it. All he wants now is to get his wife back.

## NICARAGUA SAYS HONDURAS WANTS WAR.

President Zelaya Wires that Preparation is Under Way for Aggression.

The following despatch has been received here from President Zelaya, of Nicaragua:

"To the Associated Press, New York: 'Nicaragua is being provoked by Honduras, which is preparing to repeat her recent aggression.'"

(Signed) "SANTOS J. ZELAYA, President."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—At a conference today between Assistant Secretary Bacon and the Mexican Ambassador it was decided that Mexico and the United States would unite with Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala in making identical representations to Honduras and Nicaragua, to the effect that they would be expected to settle their differences without resort to war. Arbitration which was recently terminated at San Salvador must be reconvened.

## HIGGINS IS BETTER, BUT STILL VERY ILL.

Doctor Reports Improvement in ex-Governor's Condition After a Comfortable Night.

OLEAN, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Dr. Hibbard said today that ex-Gov. Higgins had passed quite a comfortable night and is somewhat better.

"That is about all that I can say," he added. "He is a very sick man."

## BIG EXPLOSION WRECKS FAMOUS BRITISH ARSENAL

Woolwich Building Blown Apart By Bursting of Cordite.

## HOLES TORN IN HOUSES

Town Terrorized by Great Shock That Damages Many Homes.

## BUILDINGS WIPED OUT.

Thousands of Persons Menaced in Disaster, but None Said to Be Killed.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A terrific explosion this morning wrecked the Chemical Research Department of the Woolwich arsenal.

All the windows in the town were broken. It is believed no lives were lost. Within a few minutes after the explosion thousands of terror-stricken persons, many of them half-clad, thronged toward the arsenal. There were large holes in the walls of neighboring houses and on all sides shattered doors and windows and wrecked roofs testified to the force of the explosion of cordite and chemicals with which the arsenal and magazine were stocked. These buildings were practically swept away.

Woolwich, where the arsenal is located, is a Parliamentary borough and a town in Kent, England. It is ten miles from Charing Cross. On the summit of Shooter's Hill, on the declivity of which the town is built, is what is known as Woolwich Common. The principal feature of this is the Royal Arsenal. At the arsenal nearly 12,000 men are said to be employed. The area of the Government enclosure is 335 acres. There are four departments in all: first, the "royal gun factories," where ordnance is manufactured at the great iron and steel mills; second, the royal carriage department, in which are built gun carriages, baggage and store wagons, ambulances and pontoon bridges; third, the ordnance department for all kinds of military supplies, and the royal laboratory department, where shot and shell and other explosives are manufactured.

## HEARING ON SUBWAY LOOP FOR BRIDGES.

Consideration of the Form of the Contract to Take Place in Public.

The Rapid Transit Commission gave notice today of a public hearing on Feb. 23 on the form of contract for the construction of the subway loop connecting the Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges.

The plan adopted provides for construction by the city and day contract with joint use on equal terms of the four tracks by all companies crossing the bridges.

## STEAMER DISABLED, BOAT'S CREW REPORTS.

Spartan Prince Damages Crankshaft and Sends Ashore for Assistance.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb. 11.—A boat's crew of the British steamer Spartan Prince, from Santos, Jan. 18, and Rio Janeiro, Jan. 24, for New York, has arrived here from that vessel and reported that her low-pressure crankshaft was damaged in latitude 13 north and longitude 50 west. The crankshaft was being repaired on board the steamer, but she sent ashore for assistance.

# MRS. THAW TELLS OF NOTE PASSED TO HER HUSBAND

It Drew Harry Thaw's Attention to the Presence of Stanford White in the Cafe Martin Just a Minute Before.

## HER TESTIMONY GETS A CHECK FROM COURT.

Efforts of Her Counsel to Draw Out More Damaging Allegations Against the Victim of Harry Thaw Are Barred for the Present.

The Thaw murder trial today brought to light the note written by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw to Harry Thaw in the Cafe Martin the night Stanford White was shot to death. It also resulted in a material check being placed by the Court on the testimony offered for the defense.

When the afternoon session was under way Dr. Charles R. Wagner, an alienist from the Binghamton Insane Asylum, was put on the stand. He testified he believed Thaw was irresponsible.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was asked two questions at the morning session which threw a stronger and newer light upon the plan of the defense.

From the phrasings of Attorney Delphin Michael Delmas's interrogations he made it plain he expected to show these two things:

**FIRST**—That, at May McKenzie's bedside in a hospital, Evelyn Thaw after her marriage met Stanford White and that Stanford White said something which greatly inflamed Harry Thaw's already curdled brain.

**SECOND**—That Harry Thaw did not begin firing upon White on that fatal night on the roof of Madison Square Garden until after the architect had made a demonstration which Thaw, knowing of threats against his life, took to be openly hostile.

However, the little blue-coated, eager, flustered woman on the stand was not permitted to answer these two questions, nor a great many other questions that her husband's chief counsel put to her.

## EXCLUDED TESTIMONY TO COME LATER.

The answers would have dealt with Thaw's condition of mind after his marriage, and Justice Fitzgerald agreed with District-Attorney Jerome that the bed-plate of a plea of insanity had not been sufficiently made yet. Therefore, Delmas withdrew the wife until he could introduce some of his alienists, and so clear the way for this testimony of Evelyn Thaw.

Rambling and technical disputes between Jerome and Delmas took up most of the time for the forenoon session. The proceedings dragged wearily, tiring out the audience, which, thanks to Justice Fitzgerald's ruling, was made up exclusively of men excepting the newspaper women who had proper credentials.

## SHE MAKES A PRETTY PICTURE.

When Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was called to the stand she stepped forward with her timid, birdlike movements, and climbed into the tall witness chair, bowing as she did so with a pretty air of deference to His Honor. Then she looked straight at her husband and smiled a tiny fleeting smile that was gone instantly. She seemed even paler and sligher than on Friday, although she was composed enough.

Her schoolgirl garb was unchanged save the blue-knitted gloves had replaced her tan leather ones. The blue harmonized better with the rest of her outfit—the flat collar, the big tie, the violet-laden hat—violet is for modesty—the great bow at the back of the loosely curled brown hair, and the trig little handkerchief showing about the breast pocket slit in the close-buttoned Norfolk jacket. Face, figure and all taken together, she made you think of the child singer one so often finds in church choirs. It needed but the surplised gown to complete the illusion.

Mr. Delmas asked Mrs. Thaw if she recalled testifying that on the night of June 25 last, when Thaw killed Stanford White, she had written on a slip of paper while seated at a table in the Cafe Martin with her husband, Truxton Beale and Thomas McCaleb. She answered yes and said she wrote the note immediately after seeing Stanford White come into the dining-room. She had slipped the paper to her husband.

## THE MYSTERIOUS CAFE NOTE.

When Evelyn answered in the affirmative, Mr. Delmas called upon Mr. Jerome to produce this slip of paper and the District-Attorney sent upstairs to his cabinet for it. This tiny document had been taken from Thaw when he was searched by the police subsequent to the architect's murder. The

## JEROME AND DELMAS, OPPOSING LEADERS IN GREAT LEGAL BATTLE FOR HARRY THAW'S LIFE.

Sketched in Court Especially for the Evening World by Artist Perley.



slip of paper, about three inches long and one and a half inches wide, was handed to the witness and she identified it. Then Mr. Delmas read it. It ran:

"The B—— was here a minute ago, but went out again."

"Who was the person designated by the letter 'B,' asked the California lawyer.

"Stanford White," responded Mrs. Thaw.

"You have testified before that 'B' stood for 'blackguard'?"

"I have."

"Did you ever hear any statement made by Mr. Thaw in reference to threats made against him?" pursued Mr. Delmas.

The prosecutor objected to this question. Mr. Delmas argued the point at some length, while his witness, fidgeted nervously in her chair, wringing her fingers and clinching her little fists, while her face took on a petulant pout as Mr. Jerome hammered away with his objections.

The State's attorney took the stand that evidence concerning Thaw's statements to his wife of threats against him was not admissible.

## NEW LINE ON THAW'S DEFENSE.

Then Mr. Delmas made this significant announcement:

"WE HAVE A RIGHT TO SHOW," said Mr. Delmas impressively, "UNDER OUR PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE, THAT IN CONSEQUENCE OF THREATS WHICH HE HAD HEARD OUR CLIENT ARMED HIMSELF FOR THE EMERGENCY, AND, FURTHER, THAT WHEN HE MET HIS ENEMY A DEMONSTRATION WHICH THE OTHER MADE WAS INTERPRETED BY HIM AS A SIGNAL THAT THE ENEMY MEANT TO CARRY OUT HIS THREAT FORTHWITH."

"If," continued Mr. Delmas, "this defendant went to his wife and said, 'I have been told that threats have been made against my life and that I had better arm myself,' can it be held that such a statement is not admissible to evidence?"

Justice Fitzgerald was inclined to take the District-Attorney's view that such statement was not legal evidence.

"We are entitled to show all of this either on the ground of self-defense or in order to show the unsound state of the defendant's mind at the time he used this language," persisted Mr. Delmas.

## JEROME WINS HIS POINT.

His Honor finally ruled that the District-Attorney's objection was proper. Mr. Delmas objected with great care.

Continuing his examination of Evelyn, Mr. Delmas asked:

"On the Christmas eve of 1903 did this defendant make any declaration to you that he was being followed by malefactors employed by Stanford White?"

"I object," shouted Mr. Jerome. "Though this witness has shown the most marvelous memory, recalling the merest incidents like a book, I appeal to Your Honor that some of these questions are more than straining the rules of evidence."

Justice Fitzgerald sustained the objection and the question was ruled out.

"Did you ever see a pistol in your husband's possession?"

"Yes. It was while he was in New York."

"Did you ever see him carry that pistol except when in New York?"

## CARRIED PISTOL ONLY IN NEW YORK.

"No. He only carried it in New York—nowhere else."

"Were you ever present on a certain occasion at a hospital with Miss May McKenzie when Mr. Stanford White was also present?" asked Mr. Delmas.

"Answer 'Yes' or 'No,'" interrupted Jerome.

"Yes," said the girl, leaning forward in her chair with her lips apart like an eager child and nodding her pretty head until the velvet violets on her big hat nodded like real posies in a bed.

"Did you hear a conversation?"

"Yes."

"What was that conversation? Did it relate to Mr. Thaw?" pursued Delmas.

Up rose Mr. Jerome with another objection—his twentieth in half an hour.

"The counsel for this prisoner," urged Mr. Delmas, with ponderous emphasis, "are endeavoring to prove by acts, looks and declarations his unsound mind, and in law there is no other way to prove unsound mind except by acts, looks and declarations. The defendant has offered evidence by an expert that his condition of mind at the particular time of the killing was unsound. Other testimony—that of Martin Green—was introduced to show that he was irrational. Will it not be possible, Your Honor, to question the witness any further concerning the acts, looks and declarations of Mr. Thaw?"

"I sustain the District-Attorney in this particular objection to this particular question," replied the Court finally.

## THE MEETING IN THE HOSPITAL.

"Did this conversation at the hospital occur after your marriage?" asked Delmas next.

"Yes," answered Harry Thaw's wife.

This admission was valuable, showing that there had been actual conversation between Evelyn Thaw and Stanford White after her marriage and in the presence of a third party.

"Did you ever tell your husband of this conversation? And did you tell him that when May McKenzie mentioned your marriage and you said you were living happily with your husband, Stanford White made use of certain language?" asked Delmas.

Before the girl could respond, Jerome offered another objection. He ruled that the subject matter of Delmas's question had already been ruled out, and that, besides, Delmas was leading the witness. Justice Fitzgerald ruled out the question.

"Do you remember seeing Stanford White after the theatre on a particular evening in 1904?" queried Thaw's attorney.

## AGAIN JEROME SCORES.

"I do," returned Evelyn, throwing her head back. She was becoming so nervous at the extended bickerings of counsel that her feet were dancing, while the upper part of her body remained rigid. She frowned and shook her head when the Court again upheld the prosecutor's objection and ruled out the question.

"In returning from Europe in the spring of 1904, do you remember that Mr. Thaw mentioned a certain young lady and told you of what had befallen her at Stanford White's hands?"

The question was again ruled out as improper.

"Do you remember while you were in Europe in 1903 that Mr. Thaw mentioned in connection with Stanford White a girl whom he called 'Pie Girl'?" said Delmas.

## THE FAMOUS "PIE GIRL."

Once more Justice Fitzgerald sustained the objection of Jerome.

"We had hoped by this line of interrogation to show the condition produced on the defendant's mind by things which he heard at various times," explained Delmas, "but since it is evident that Your Honor regards them as improper at this time we will take another tack."

Then, turning again to the blue-frocked figure on the stand, he said:

"When was the last proposal of Mr. Thaw to marry you?" asked Mr. Delmas, after telling the witness not to answer quickly.

"About April 1, 1905," the witness answered. She became Mrs. Thaw on April 4 of the same year.

"When Mr. Thaw proposed to you on that day—April 1—what statement did he make to you?"

This question was stricken out.

Thaw's lawyer produced the codicil to Thaw's will made in January, 1906, which Evelyn identified. She had seen it several times before. The codicil was not offered in evidence, merely recorded as identified.

"Did you ever hear that Mr. Thaw took up with the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children certain matters pertaining to Stanford White's conduct?"

The question went the way of so many of its predecessors. It was excluded before the witness had a chance to answer it.

The little Frisco lawyer was pretty badly fussed over the exclusion of his questions. He asked the Court if more expert testimony was put in to show the unsoundness of the defendant's mind, would his questions go in.

## MUST HAVE BASIS FOR QUESTIONS.

Justice Fitzgerald replied that the defense should have put in a strong basis of sanity before elaborating on the line of questions relating to

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